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Claim 4 (originally claim 14) depends on
a cancelled original claim 1.

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3 14. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the step of providing a quantity of flux proximate the solder ball includes disposing the flux at the coil proximate the distal end of the shaft.

12-13. (Cancelled)

4 14. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with claim 1 12, further comprising a step of coupling the shaft to a holding fixture, wherein the holding fixture holds the shaft in a vertical orientation.

5 15. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 9, wherein the guidewire further comprises a heat shrink tube coupled to the shaft.

6 16. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 15, wherein the heat shrink tube stops proximal flow of flux during the step of heating the solder ball.

7 17. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an atraumatic distal tip on a guidewire, comprising:

providing an elongate shaft having a distal end a coil disposed along the a length of the shaft;

coupling the shaft to a holding fixture;

providing a solder ball;

providing a quantity of flux proximate the solder ball;